

The Official **TOWN OF DUNN NEWSLETTER** Spring 2005

Views From the Town Chair

by *Edmond P. Minihan, Dunn Town Chair*

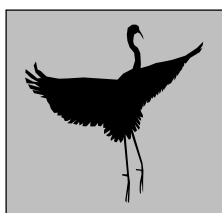
The Sandhill Cranes returned a bit late this year. The important thing is they have indeed returned and that there is habitat in the Town of Dunn for these magnificent creatures. If the citizens of our Town had taken a different path thirty years ago, we would not have the music of the crane's call. Our land use policies have preserved places for the wild things to continue to prosper.

There are some other communities that share our interest in having open space. We now have a boundary agreement with the village of McFarland. While we have had to give up some area, it means our boundary will be stable for the next twenty years. This was only possible because McFarland citizens became active in their community and made their wishes known. If you know folks in McFarland, be sure to thank them for creating a local government that has become responsive to public input. Unfortunately this is not the case with some of our other neighbors.

Elected officials of the city of Stoughton and the village of Oregon have taken a very different approach. Both governing bodies have taken the position that towns have no rights and that we should have no say in what land is annexed into their municipality. Not only do they clearly consider our residents second class

citizens, they are extremely arrogant about it. These two communities want to annex several hundred acres from the Town of Dunn and even more from other towns. The disregard of intergovernmental cooperation and arrogance is so blatant in the city of Stoughton that the towns of Rutland, Pleasant Springs, and Dunn have formed a coalition to hire legal counsel to put the light of day on the machinations of city officials. The same thing might have to be done in Oregon too. Oregon officials have decided to try to dissolve the Oregon Fire District, so they can have full control and once again get the towns to subsidize their growth.

In both of these communities, it is evident that the citizens are not in support of, or do not realize where their elected officials are taking them. If you know people who live in Stoughton or the village of Oregon, encourage them to at least examine the growth at any cost policies of these municipalities. The irresponsible behavior of these two municipalities is not only going to diminish the quality of life in their community, it is going to cost all of us a lot more money in local taxes. They must get involved-it has made all the difference in the Town of Dunn.



Revaluation in final stage

By *Rosalind Gausman, Clerk Treasurer*

In the summer of 2004 Gardiner Appraisal Service began the revaluation of the all real estate property in the town. They have several employees working for them with one to four working on town projects at any time. They have completed about two thirds of the residential properties, 99% of the farms, and are starting the commercial properties now.

In April and May new digital photographs will be taken of all properties to update the files. Most of these photos will be taken from the road. Where the house is not visible from the road, the assessors will knock on the door to introduce themselves prior to taking the photo. The assessors will be in a marked vehicle and carry identification cards issued by the town.

They have about 700 properties to schedule re-visit appointments. Cards with the appointment date and time are mailed ahead of their visit. Please make every attempt to keep the appointment they schedule when they are in your area. If you are unable to keep that appointment, it is important to call Gardiner as soon as possible to let them know. The phone number is 838-3993.

When the entire town has been reassessed, each

Please Note:

Plan ahead – you must notify the town 48 hours prior to the start of Board of Review if you wish to contest your assessment.

An objection form is required. Forms are available at the Town Hall. See additional Board of Review information on page 6.

property owner will be mailed a notice of the new valuation with the date and time for an open book session to meet with the assessors if you have questions. NO values will be available until the entire town is done and the notices are mailed. So please be patient and don't call the assessors to ask for the results. It will only slow down the process. The completion date is estimated for the first week in August. That date could be delayed if too many appointments have to be rescheduled.

Important –The assessor is required to view the interior of the property. State laws say if you deny them access, you lose your right to appeal the value of your property. Also see the Questions and Answers on the process of revaluation on Page 6.

Still Smart about our Growth

By *Michelle Stalhut, Land Use Intern*

Town of Dunn is more than halfway through with its Smart Growth planning process. Six of the nine state required elements have been drafted, and the Smart Growth committee is currently working on editing the first draft of the Land Use element.

The initial drafts have been posted on our website, and can be accessed through the "Smart Growth" link at www.town.dunn.wi.us/SmartGrowth.aspx.

When all of the drafts have been completed, there will be an open house and review of comments before adopting the elements as our Smart Growth Plan.

The next Smart Growth Committee meeting will be April 6, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. It is open to the public.

SMART GROWTH PLAN REQUIRED ELEMENTS

Reviewed Elements:

- ✓ **Issues and Opportunities**
- ✓ **Housing**
- ✓ **Transportation**
- ✓ **Utilities and Community Facilities**
- ✓ **Agricultural, Cultural, and Natural Resources**
- ✓ **Economic Development**

Elements to be discussed at April 6 meeting:

- ✓ **Land Use**
- ✓ **Intergovernmental Cooperation**

Element to be discussed at a future meeting:

- ✓ **Implementation**

TOWN OF DUNN ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY APRIL 12, 2005 7:00 PM

A G E N D A

- I. Minutes – Special Town Meeting of November 23, 2004**
- II. Announcements and introductions by Chairman Minihan.**
 - A. Swearing in of newly elected town officers.**
 - B. Comments by Chairman Minihan**
 - C. Donations, if any.**
- III. Reports**
 - A. Building Inspector Report**
 - B. Cemetery Report**
 - C. Police Report**
 - D. Parks Commission**
 - E. Plan Commission**
 - F. Land Trust Commission**
- IV. Financial Report**
 - A. Sanitary Districts - financial reports.**
 - B. Treasurer's report - review 2004 audit.**
- V. New Business**
 - A. Consider purchase of Conservation Easements on properties with pending applications in the Purchase of Development Rights Program .**
 - B. Present the Noxious Weed Notice.**
 - C. Any new business from the floor allowed under Wis. Stats. Ch. 60.10.**
 - D. Adjournment**

Rosalind Gausman, Clerk Treasurer

Every resident of legal voting age present can cast a vote at the Annual Town Meeting. This year, take an active role in your government and attend the Annual Meeting.

Agendas and announcements for all special meetings are posted at the following locations:

- 1) Bulletin board outside the Dunn Town Hall at 4156 County Road B.
- 2) Message board at the corner of Third Street and Waubesa Avenue in the town of Dunn.
- 3) Quick Stop, 1888 Barber Drive.
- 4) Town's website at: www.town.dunn.wi.us

Rosalind Gausman, Town Clerk Treasurer

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McFarland, WI 53558**

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Rural Preservation through the Purchase of Development Rights

The town’s PDR program protects land by buying “development rights” from willing landowners. Often compared with mineral rights, development rights are a landowner’s rights to develop his or her property. Like mineral rights, development rights can be separated from the land itself. When the town purchases development rights to a piece of property, it buys the right to develop that land. The landowner retains all other rights and responsibilities associated with being a landowner.

The sale of development rights is recorded as an easement attached to the property deed. The easement stays with the deed, even if the land is sold or passed on through inheritance, thereby assuring that development will not occur on that particular property. The landowner is compensated for the value of the development rights, which is the difference between the land’s fair market value and its agricultural or open space value.

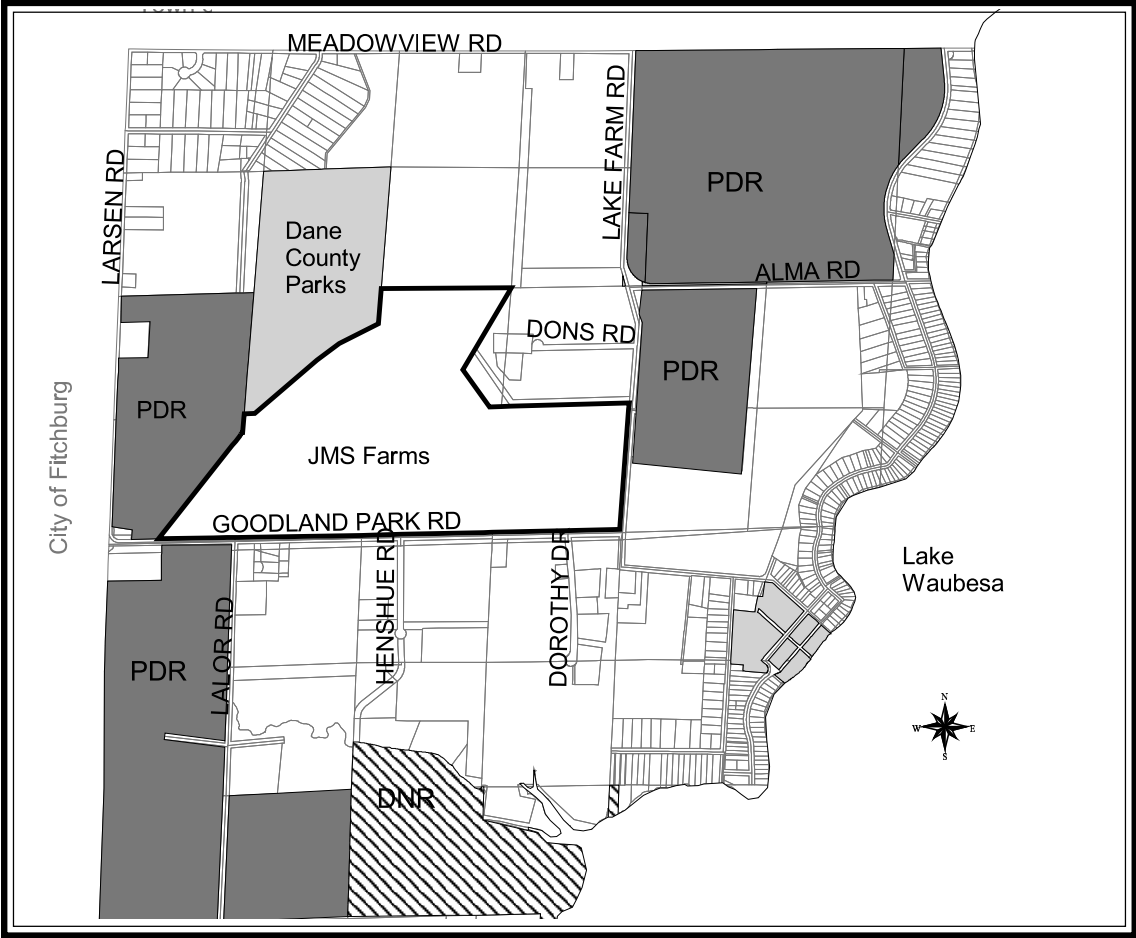
At the Annual Town Meeting, town electors will be asked to approve several Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) deals. The following three deals were negotiated prior to the newsletter printing deadline. The town is working with other landowners. If additional PDR proposals are negotiated before the April 12th meeting they will be presented to electors for approval.

JMS Farms

JMS Farms owns 166-acres of land in the northwestern corner of the town of Dunn (land formerly owned by H&S Corporation). Approximately 130 acres are rented to a local farmer. The entire property is currently zoned A-1 Exclusive Agriculture and contains excellent soils for farming and a significant size woodlot. The property is under development pressure because of its proximity to the Cities of Fitchburg and Madison and views of the State Capitol and Lake Waubesa.

The town has negotiated a deal that would restrict non-agricultural development on 162 acres. Two clustered single-family lots would be created on Goodland Park Road.

The property’s development rights were appraised at \$640,000. The landowner has agreed to sell for \$630,000 (a \$10,000 discount sale). An United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program (FRPP) Grant would cover \$320,000 of the acquisition cost. The additional \$310,000 would come out of the town’s PDR program budget.



Schneider Farm – West

The Schneider family owns 106-acres of farmland on the west side of Hawkinson Road. This land has been in the Schneider Family for over 100 years. There is a farm house and out buildings on Schneider Drive. The entire property is zoned A-1 Exclusive Agriculture with about 85 acres rented to a local farmer.

The town has negotiated a deal that would allow continued use of the farm house and restrict all other non-agricultural development of the property.

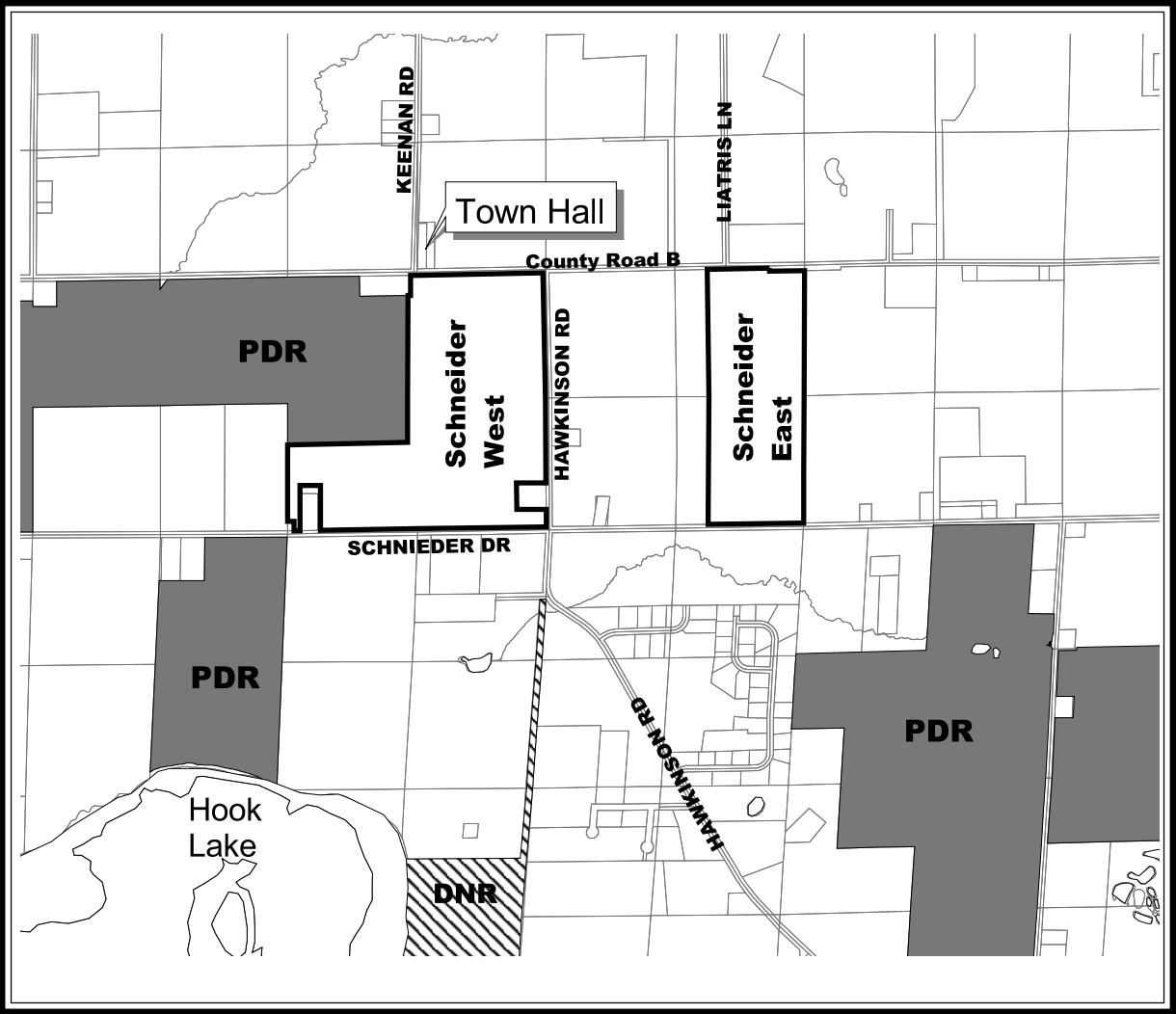
The farm’s development rights were appraised at \$275,600. An USDA-FRPP Grant would cover 50% of the purchase price. The remaining \$137,800 would come out of the town’s PDR budget.

Schneider Farm – East

The Schneider family also owns this 60-acre parcel. There are no buildings on the property. The property is zoned A-1 Exclusive Agriculture and is rented to a local farmer.

The town has negotiated a deal that would allow one new single-family residence on the property. All other non-agricultural uses would be restricted.

The farms’s development rights were appraised at \$130,000. An USDA-FRPP Grant would cover 50% of the purchase price. The remaining \$65,000 would come out of the town’s PDR budget.



Featured Farm: Blue Moon Community Farm

Every Wednesday evening during the spring, summer, and fall, an old corn crib on Lalor Road turns into a community gathering place: a place where people come to collect freshly harvested vegetables and pastured chickens. It's also a place where folks come to pick beautiful flower arrangements, wander through the colorful gardens guessing how much longer until those swelling tomatoes are ripe, and catch up with their fellow farm members.

This is Blue Moon Community Farm, a four-acre market garden entering its second season right here in the town of Dunn. Farmers Jacob Hoeksema and Kristen Kordet raise over 40 types of vegetables without the use of pesticides or chemical fertilizers. Blue Moon operates within the Community Supported Agriculture, or CSA, model. People become "members" of the farm, and receive a share of each week's harvest—8 to 10 different items per week—over the course of a twenty-week season. By paying for their shares in the spring, members help the farmers meet their budgetary needs for purchasing seeds, equipment, and supplies. Members and their farmers then share in some of the risks of farming, as well as the bounty that the land provides. In this way, the CSA philosophy fosters connections between people and their food, the land, and their local economy.

In spirit, the farm belongs to its members. In actuality, it belongs to a visionary landowning couple, Frank Paynter and Beth Hastings. Through their generosity and good faith, Jacob and Kristen were able to start Blue Moon on the Paynter/Hastings land while keeping close ties to their Madison homes. To most market farmers in



southern Wisconsin, farming 8 miles from the capitol square is a pipe dream, a consequence of the growth and suburbanization of Madison. The Town of Dunn and its community of visionaries is an example to the region not only for its progress land preservation program, but also for its potential as a thriving area for

sustainable agriculture.

For information on Blue Moon, please contact Jacob or Kristen at 446-6962 or at bluemooncommunityfarm@yahoo.com. They can also be found on Sunday mornings at the Monona Farmers Market and Tuesday afternoons at the Eastside Farmers Market.

Coming Soon Farmers Market at the Dunn Town Hall

A few years ago, local farmers gathered at the Town Hall once per week to sell their fresh locally grown produce. There has been some interest in re-establishing the Dunn Farmer's Market.

Residents who are interested in shopping at the Farmer's Market are encouraged to check our website at:

www.town.dunn.wi.us

for announcements or call the Town Hall for more information.

Local farmers interested in participating in a Farmer's Market at the Dunn Town Hall are encouraged to contact Cathy at 255-4219 Ext 3. for more information. We look forward to hearing from you!

Toddle Inn continues donations to the Town



Each year, Town of Dunn business owners Christie and Rollin Darst, of Toddle Inn, have donated trees to the town. The trees have been planted in Town parks and distributed at the Arbor Day Celebration. In addition, donated wreaths adorn to Town Hall for all to enjoy over the holidays. These living gifts will be enjoyed by Town residents for years to come. Many thanks to Toddle Inn.

Oregon Sportsman's Club recognized for donation to Dunn PDR program

The Oregon Sportsman's Club was recognized with a certificate of appreciation for their donation to the PDR program. Many Thanks to Oregon Sportsman's Club.

Segebrecht land donation benefits the Town

Roger and Carol Segebrecht generously donated an important parcel of land to the Town in December of 2004. The land is bordered by Shaw Court, Waucheeta Trail and is adjacent to a Town owned outlot near Lake Waubesa. The land was appraised at \$20,000 and will serve to improve drainage in the neighborhood.

The relatively level rectangular parcel is over 17,000 square feet and is partly wooded with some grasses and cattails. Sewer is available to the site.

In appreciation of those who serve the Town throughout the year

Town residents were served this year by volunteers on the Parks Commission, Plan Commission, Land Trust Commission, Mobile Home Commission, Smart Growth Committee, Election Inspectors, and many others who found a way to contribute to the community and make the Town of Dunn a better place to live. Our hat's off to these hardworking involved citizens.

There's no better way to honor friends or family members who love the Town of Dunn's farmland and natural beauty than by helping to protect it.

A donation to the Town's Rural Preservation Trust Fund can help preserve a woodlot, protect farmland or a prairie or special place. Consider a donation to commemorate a birthday, wedding or anniversary, or in memory of a loved one.

Donations any political subdivision of any State (the town of Dunn), is to be the equivalent of a section 501(c)(3) tax exempt donation.



PLAN COMMISSION UPDATE

*by Jim Molloy,
Plan Commission Chair*

The Plan Commission continues to process land divisions, re-zonings, driveway permits and other land use requests. We meet at 7:00 PM the second Monday of each month and

welcome the public to our open meetings. We always post our agenda outside the Town Hall and on our web page. To be placed on our agenda, please contact Renee Lauber at the Town Hall at 608-255-4219, extension 4.

The Plan Commission consists of the following seven individuals: Tim

Andrews, Loraine Gardner, Steve Greb, Dean Hein, Jim Molloy, Bob Uphoff, and Vicki Wangerin. Occasionally a vacancy occurs on the Commission. If you are interested in serving your Town as an uncompensated member of this Commission, please indicate your interest to Roz Gausman, Town Clerk by calling 255-4219 extension 6.



TOWN OF DUNN’S

Do your Part to reduce, reuse and recycle

Curbside Recycling

Dunn residents have several ways to recycle material. Common recyclables such as household plastics, glass, aluminum, aerosol and tin cans, cardboard and newspaper are picked up by Waste Management in the weekly trash and recycling pickups each Wednesday.

Because wet paper products may not be recycled, withhold cardboard, newspaper and other paper recyclables for later pick-up if it is raining on Wednesday morning, or if the forecast indicates rain is likely.

Plastics - *Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 plastics are now recyclable!* Rinse and remove caps and rings; labels can remain. Flatten as much as possible. Bottles that have contained motor oil, medicine or chemicals cannot be accepted for recycling. All #2 plastic one and five gallon buckets can not be recycled.

Aluminum - only aluminum cans are accepted for recycling. Rinsing is encouraged. Don't include any other kinds of aluminum such as foil or aluminum pie plates in the recycling bin.

Tin Cans - Food cans only - no paint or chemical cans. Rinse, remove labels, and flatten. Please put sharp lids in the trash.

Aerosol Cans - **can be recycled!** Make sure they are empty and remove plastic nozzles.

Glass - Jars and bottles are accepted for recycling. Always rinse and remove the lid. Labels can remain on the container. Light bulbs, dishes, drinking glasses, mirrors and window glass can be recycled elsewhere or disposed of as trash.

Newspaper - Newsprint must be dry and bundled. Shiny inserts are acceptable. Place in brown paper bags. Do not mix with other types of paper!

Magazines - Magazines and catalogs must be in bundles and tied with string in 6 inch stacks. Do not mix with other types of paper!

Mixed Paper - Junk Mail, Office Paper, Soft drink/Beer cartons can be recycled. Place in brown paper bag. Do not mix with newspapers or magazines!

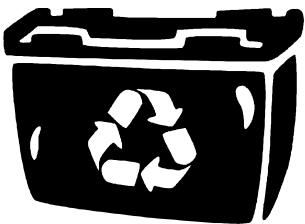
Cardboard - Corrugated cardboard can be recycled. Flatten boxes and keep dry. Cut pieces into less than 3 foot squares and bundle with string or place in a grocery bag. Pizza boxes, egg containers and wax-coated boxes can not be recycled.

Waste Management Curbside Pick-up

Each household is allowed one thirty four-gallon container for solid waste and an unlimited volume of recyclables. The charge is included on your tax bill each year.

For additional volume pick up contact Waste Management. For a fee they will provide an extra 64-gallon toter or an extra 96-gallon toter. These toters may be filled in addition to the usual 34 gallon container allowed. Cost is billed directly to the homeowner. At the time of this publication the cost of the 64 gallon toter was \$3.75 per month and the cost of the 96 gallon toter was \$5.20 per month.

Items that are too big to fit into a 32 gallon receptacle such as mattresses, chairs, couches, etc, can be arranged to be picked up by calling (608) 273-2500 at a cost of \$25.00 per item. These items are not picked up the same day as your normal service. Your service customer representative will determine this at the time of your order. Appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc. can also be scheduled for pickup at the cost of \$25.00 per item by calling (608) 273-2500. Waste Management can also help you with your remodeling needs or cleanup. Please call (608) 273-2500 on the cost of renting a dumpster.



Town of Dunn Transfer Site

4030 County Road B ¼ mile east of the Dunn Town Hall
Open all year on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 8 AM to 4 PM and seasonally April - October the transfer site will be open additional hours on Wednesday from 3 PM - 4:45 PM.

The Transfer Site accepts:

- Scrap Metal
- Motor Oil
- Yard Waste
- Brush and Wood
- Batteries
- Tires

Transfer Site Recycling Scrap metal - Scrap iron, steel, copper, and other metals are accepted. We don't accept compressors or motors.

Motor oil - Used motor oil that is free of other liquids such as anti-freeze is accepted. Either reuse your used motor oil container or dispose of it in the trash. Don't leave oil containers near the used oil tank.

Leaves and grass clippings - Put any compostable material in the compost pile at the Transfer Site, or compost them yourself at home.

Brush and Wood - We take brush and limbs that are free of soil. We cannot take stumps or painted lumber. Dane County's landfill will take tree stumps.

Tires - We charge \$3 for auto tires \$4 for tires with rims. Tires (rims removed) can be taken to the Dane County Landfill for about 85 cents each.

Questions? Call the Town Hall at 255-4219

DANE COUNTY COMPOST SITES OPEN EARLY APRIL

Yard wastes are banned from disposal at all landfills in the State of Wisconsin. Dane County will open its three yard waste compost sites in early April. All sites are available for people to bring non-woody yard waste to be composted. Verona site will have finished compost available for pick up. Unscreened compost is free for the general public. There is a fee for screened compost.

VERONA SITE HOURS: Tuesday - Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Located adjacent to old landfill at Badger Prairie Park (Take USH 18-151 one toward Verona. Exit Business District and turn right to Badger Prairie Health Care Center/Badger Prairie Park parking lot. Turn right at compost sign and follow gravel road to site). An end loader is available on site.

The compost sites accept only non-woody plant material. They do not accept brush, Christmas wreaths or garlands (because of the metal wire), or trash of any sort, such as pieces of fences, plastic bags or Styrofoam, plastic lawn edging or similar material.

For more information on the Dane County compost sites, Call Al Czecholinski at 266-4139

Goodwill Industries Pick up

2005 Goodwill Industries pick-ups are scheduled for:
Saturday, April 16th from 9 AM to 12 PM
Saturday, August 20th from 9 AM to 12 PM
Saturday, December 3rd from 9 AM to 12 PM
in the Town Hall parking lot.

Goodwill will provide the staff to help unload, give receipts and provide tax information.

The town will only accept donations during the scheduled drop-off dates/times.

2005 RECYCLING GUIDE



Home Composting

Composting is a great way to keep organic material out of the waste stream. It saves tax dollars and provides you with a valuable soil additive. Composting is easy to do if you follow a few simple guidelines.

1. Use a bin. A simple wire enclosure will do. A bin keeps your pile neat and helps retain heat and moisture, two key elements of the compost process.
2. The key to a good working compost pile is a balance of green materials, such as grass clippings or food waste that is high in nitrogen and brown material, such as leaves, that are high in carbon. A good rule of thumb is to maintain a 50-50 ratio by weight of green and brown material.
3. If you are going to compost kitchen waste, bury the material 6-12 below the surface. This keeps flies away from your pile. Compost only vegetable and fruit waste. Do not compost meat, fats, gravy or pet waste.
4. Don't forget moisture. A compost pile should be damp so be sure to add water to dry material as you build your pile. Don't over water. Materials should be as damp as a wrung out sponge.

Building a Compost Pile

First layer: 3"-4" of chopped brush or other coarse material on top of the soil surface allows air circulation around the base of the heap.

Second layer: 3"-6" of green material, grass clippings, or food waste.

Third layer: 4"-8" of "brown" material, such as leaves. Add water as needed.

Fourth layer: 1" of soil serves as an inoculate by adding microorganisms to the pile.

Fifth layer: Repeat steps 2-4 until the bin is almost full. Top off the heap with a layer of leaves or straw and scoop out a "basin" at the top to catch rainwater.

Maintaining Your Compost Pile

A properly made compost pile will reach temperatures of 140-160 degrees F in four or five days. At this time you'll notice the pile "settling," a good sign that your pile is composting properly. After 4 or 5 weeks, turn the pile, putting material from the outside of the pile into the center of the new pile. Add water if necessary. You shouldn't need to turn your heap a second time. Your compost should be ready in 3 to 4 months.

Information provided by Dane County at www.co.dane.wi.us

Recycle old computers, TV's, and cell phones on Saturday April 23 at Cascade Asset Management

Protect our waters from heavy metal contamination

The next household round-up will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you wish to drop off equipment at Cascade on a different day a fee will be charged for processing.

WHAT: Semi-annual Computer, Television, and Consumer Electronics Round-up for individuals. Any non-business computer equipment (monitor, printer, computer, laptop, keyboard, mouse, scanner, etc.), televisions, and cellular phones may be dropped off for reuse or recycling. There is a cost to recycle some products. Items with reuse potential will be tested and cleaned (data erased from hard drives) before being donated to local charities. Damaged and obsolete equipment will be recycled.. There is a limit of 2 computer systems and 2 televisions per vehicle, no limit on consumer electronics.

WHEN: Saturday, April 23, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Cascade Asset Management, 2601 Seiferth Road, Madison is on the east side near the intersection of Stoughton Road (Hwy 51) and Pflaum Road, about 1 mile north of the Beltline (Hwy 12/18).
Open Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

COST: \$5.00 per monitor, terminal or laptop computer, \$25.00 per TV
Other computer equipment - no charge

QUESTIONS Call the City of Madison at 608-267-2626 or contact Cascade at 608-222-4800.

SPONSORS Cascade Asset Management, City of Madison, Dane County, Madison PC Users Group.

Protect Our Groundwater - Dispose of paints, pesticides, fuel & more at Dane County's Clean Sweep Site

Located at 2302 Fish Hatchery Road

Visit www.danecountycleansweep.com

or call the new Information Hotline at 294-5366

Clean Sweep Hours: May 1 through October 30 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday from 7:30 AM to 2:00PM

There are plenty of household hazardous materials like paints, pesticides, and solvents that can't be disposed of in the trash, or could harm groundwater or the environment if not disposed of properly.

The proper place to take these substances is Dane County Clean Sweep located behind the Dane County Highway Garage, north of the Beltline on Fish Hatchery Rd.

This service is free of charge to all county residents, but is limited to households only. For disposal of hazardous waste generated in small business, please call cleansweep for instructions.

One Day Only - Extra Curbside Garbage Pick-up April 13th

**Planning on cleaning out the garage or basement this spring?
Wondering how to get rid of large items?**

Waste Management is offering extra curbside garbage collection on Wednesday, April 13th. On regular garbage pick up days, each residence can put out 32 gallons of trash plus unlimited recycleables for curbside pick up. On April 13th, residents can put out extra garbage at no additional charge. There are some restrictions. Appliances, tires, liquids, computers and construction materials may not be left at the curbside. Call Waste Management at 273-2500 for details.

Spring Roadside Clean-up - As the snow melts and spring winds blow, the litter that accumulated over the winter becomes more visible. This is a great time to tidy up the yard. We encourage everyone to participate in picking up a section of road before April 13th. The trash picked up on the roadside can be left out on Wednesday April 13th when Waste Management provides unlimited garbage pick up.

THANK YOU TO ROADSIDE PICKUP VOLUNTEERS

A big thank you to the volunteers involved with the adopt-a-highway program. 2004 participants included Ackerland Outdoor Services, Sled Shed II, Covenant Lutheran Youth, the University Physical Science Laboratory and Christ the King Church in McFarland. Call the Town Hall at 255-4219 if you'd like to adopt-a-highway in the Town of Dunn.

Compost Bin Sale Saturday May 7, 2005

Earth Machine home compost bins be available One Day Only for \$33 tax included at the following locations:

Madison: Alliant Energy Center 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Fitchburg: City Hall, 5520 Lacy Rd. 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Stoughton: Street Department Service Center 515 S. Fourth St.
8 a.m. until Noon

Only while supplies last; if a site has run out of bins, visit the Alliant Energy Center location. This is a one day only sale. It will be held rain or shine. Cash or checks only.

The Earth Machine bin is made of black or green recycled plastic. It has a locking lid on the top and a door at the bottom for removing finished compost. The bin is easy to assemble and the unassembled bin will fit in the back seat or truck on most automobiles. "The Earth Machine compost bin has worked very well for the people who purchased the bins last year," Madison Recycling Coordinator George Dreckmann said. "The Earth Machine is the largest selling bin in North America and sells retail for \$75 to \$90."

Information on the sale is available by calling 261-9111 after March 20th.



Important Information about Board of Review

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO PROTEST YOUR ASSESSMENT AT THE BOARD OF REVIEW:

No person shall be allowed to appear before the Board of Review, to testify to the Board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the Assessor to view such property.

After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact, or provide information to, a member of the Board about the person's objection except at a session of the Board.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone or contest the amount of assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed because the person has been granted a waiver of the 48-hour notice of an intent to file a written objection by appearing before the Board during the first two hours of the meeting and showing good cause for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and files a written objection, that the person provides to the Clerk of the Board of Review notice as to whether the person will ask for removal of any Board members and, if so, which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take.

When appearing before the Board, the person shall specify, in writing, the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.

AREA YOUTH CENTERS SERVING TOWN RESIDENTS

Looking for something to do after school?

Youths are encouraged to call or visit our local youth centers. Adult supervision and activities are typically available for middle school students during the after school hours from 3pm to 6 pm. Some programs may be available for non-school days. Contact the youth centers directly for more

information:

McFarland Youth Center
5120 Farwell St., McFarland
608-838-4508

Stoughton Youth Center
518 S. Fourth St., Stoughton
608-873-3880

Oregon Youth Center
110 N. Oak St., Oregon
608-835-0822

Take a Stake in the Lakes

Dane County's Cleanup Event 2005

The 18th annual Take a Stake in the Lakes volunteer cleanup of the Yahara Lakes will be held on June 11 and June 18, 2005.

Lake Kegonsa will be cleaned on Saturday, June 11 from 9:00-12:00, with the information center at Wingra Park in Madison.

Lake Waubesa will be cleaned on Saturday, June 18 from 9:00-12:00, with the information center at Law Park in Madison.

Over the years, thousands of volunteers have removed hundreds of tons of waste from Lakes Mendota, Monona, Waubesa and Kegonsa. During Take a Stake in the Lakes groups, individuals and families adopt a beach or shoreline, collect litter and rake aquatic debris from the shoreline and shallow waters. Some adopt boat launches, and some clean rivers while paddling their canoes or kayaks. Many groups then have a picnic in the park they've just cleaned up. Garbage



bags, T-shirts and door prizes are provided.

Shoreline residents: Dane County Public Works barges will conduct the annual aquatic debris pickup from your piers on Lake Kegonsa on Monday June 13 and on Lake Waubesa on Monday June 20, starting at 6:00 a.m. Note: Aquatic debris must be on shoreline residents pier by the Monday after the perspective lakes clean-up event.

To participate or to discuss sponsorship opportunities, call Rhea Stangel at 608-224-3601 or stangel-maier@co.dane.wi.us. Volunteers may also come to the information centers, where stencil kits and garbage bags will be available.

Frequently Asked Questions About Revaluation:



Q - Why is the revaluation necessary?

Wisconsin law requires municipalities to assess property within 10% of market value within each four-year period. In 2005 our assessment will be below 90% for the fourth year.

Q – How does the assessor go about placing a “fair market value” on my property?

Finding the market value of property involves reviewing what similar properties are selling for, what the property would cost today to replace and what financial factors, such as interest rates, may be affecting the real estate market. Valuation techniques for commercial properties also include analysis from an investment point of view. The assessors do not create value. Rather, they have the legal responsibility to discover and report the changes that are occurring in the market place.

Q – How can my assessment go up when my property hasn't changed?

Since the new assessments will be set at market value, rising real estate values in the town will be reflected in generally higher assessments. All properties, however, do not change in value to exactly the same degree. Many factors influence the value of property, including location, age, size and style.

Q – Will my home be inspected?

An experienced appraiser hired by the town will make a personal visit to your property. The appraiser will need to walk through the interior of your home and also walk around the exterior. The appraiser will be carrying identification and a letter of introduction from the Town of Dunn. If you refuse to let the assessor view your property you lose the right to appeal the value placed on the property by the assessor.

Q – Will the assessors make an appointment to view my property?

The assessors start by visiting a neighborhood and viewing as many properties as they can without making appointments. The properties not viewed on their initial visit will be sent cards notifying the property owner of a scheduled appointment in the future. Failure to let the assessor view the property at that time will result in a certified letter to the property owner with the final appointment time.

Q – What if my house is a mess and I don't want the assessor to view it when he stops by?

The assessors don't mind if your house is not tidy. They are only viewing the interior to determine the general condition of the home, note the features, and count the number of rooms and fixtures in the home.

Q – How will I know what my new assessment is?

All property owners will receive a notice of assessment change by mail in about the first week in August, when the revaluation of the whole town is finished.

Watch for articles in future newsletters about the dates and procedures for viewing the assessment records and appealing assessment values. If you have questions you may contact the Town Clerk, Rosalind Gausman at 255-4219 Ext. 6.

Also see article (above, left) "Important information about Board of Review".

Area Senior Centers

Seniors who have not been in touch with their Senior Center are encouraged to call or visit. A surprising variety of low cost or free services and events are provided. While exact services vary from one Center to another, you can expect to find meals, social activities, transportation to medical appointments and shopping, crafts and hobbies, peer support, and outreach.

Outreach Workers are available to assist senior citizens and disabled adults to secure resources which allow them to remain in their own homes. Outreach Workers can assist with finances (Medical Assistance, homestead credit/deferred loan, fuel

assistance, Community Options Programs, Social Security and S.S.I.), housing, medical equipment on loan, meal programs, transportation, and adult day care programs.

McFarland Senior Center
5915 Milwaukee Street, McFarland,
WI 53558
608-838-7117

Stoughton Senior Center
248 W Main St, Stoughton, WI 53589
608-873-8585

Oregon Senior Center
219 Park Street, Oregon, WI 53575
608-835-5801

Inspired by Dunn's natural beauty

Town resident, Mark Jung, has been taking photos. Breathtaking photos that showcase the rustic charm and natural beauty of our town.

What began as a hobby has taken on a life of its own. Jung applies special effects to his photos and prints them with a process known as giclee. The result is an archival quality print that looks somewhat like a watercolor painting. Several framed and matted works by Jung are on display at the Town Hall this Spring. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the prints will benefit the rural preservation

program.

Jung has also produced two computer CD's that capture Dunn's historic and scenic elements. The first is a photo display commenerating Rustic Roads and the historic Dyreson Bridge. The CD is set to an original musical score. The second CD features a variety of photos from different areas and during each of the seasons. It features original music by Karen Becker. This CD is available at the Town Hall for \$15 and proceeds benefit the PDR program.



On the Road Again...

By Todd Klahn, Highway Foreman

We have already taken bids for road contracts this year. We are planning on repaving S. Brooklyn Drive, Brooklyn Drive, Aalseth Lane, Dunnwood Way, and Bjoin Drive. We would like to sealcoat Keenan Road, Liatris Lane, Lally Road, Wilnor Drive, Vic Anderson Road, Riverholm Road, Rivercrest Drive, Skytop Drive, and Dyreson Road. The reason for sealcoating after recent repaving is to prolong the life of the oil in the black top. A road that hasn't been sealed has average life span of fifteen years and likewise a sealed road's life

span is thirty years.

We will be replacing culverts in various areas of the town. Four on Mahoney Road to the west of Tower Road, two on Stace Road, two on Green Road, two on Brooklyn Drive, and one on Aalseth Lane. Just a reminder to residents that road right of way is 33 feet from the center of the road. This area is used by the town for road maintenance, snow removal, and water drainage. It is also important to prevent shaded areas from holding moisture deteriorating black-top surface. It is sometimes necessary to remove whole trees instead of just trimming.

Preserving Dunn's Waterways



With all of current emphasis on comprehensive land use planning, let's not forget about "water use planning". The Town of Dunn is fortunate to have shorelines on two major lakes and a significant river system. In fact, more private shoreline is owned within the Town than in any other municipality on the entire Yahara Lakes System. Adjacent wetlands support abundant wildlife and fisheries habitants. Preserving this rich natural heritage must be ensured for future generations.

Friends of Lake Kegonsa Society (FOLKS) is a non-profit voluntary organization. FOLKS' purpose is to protect, maintain, and enhance environmental and recreational values for Lake Kegonsa and its surrounding areas. Activities intended to maintain or improve the ecology, water quality, fishing, and recreational use of the Lake/River have been undertaken during the last 15 years. Newsletters (5/yr) and email networks are designed to keep FOLKS members current on developments which affect our community.

Join the over 350 current members in supporting "water use planning" efforts in the Town by becoming a FOLKS member in 2005. Annual dues are \$10/household, and membership is open to anyone interested. For more information, contact Ray Potempa 838-9329 or rjp3411@aol.com.



Don't Miss Parade Of Prairies! Date to be announced for August 2005

This self-guided event gives you an opportunity to see what your neighbors have done with prairie restoration on their property.

If you have a prairie or rain garden that you would like to have in this tour, or if you would like to nominate someone for the town's Stewardship Award, please contact Mary at 255-4219 ext. 1.

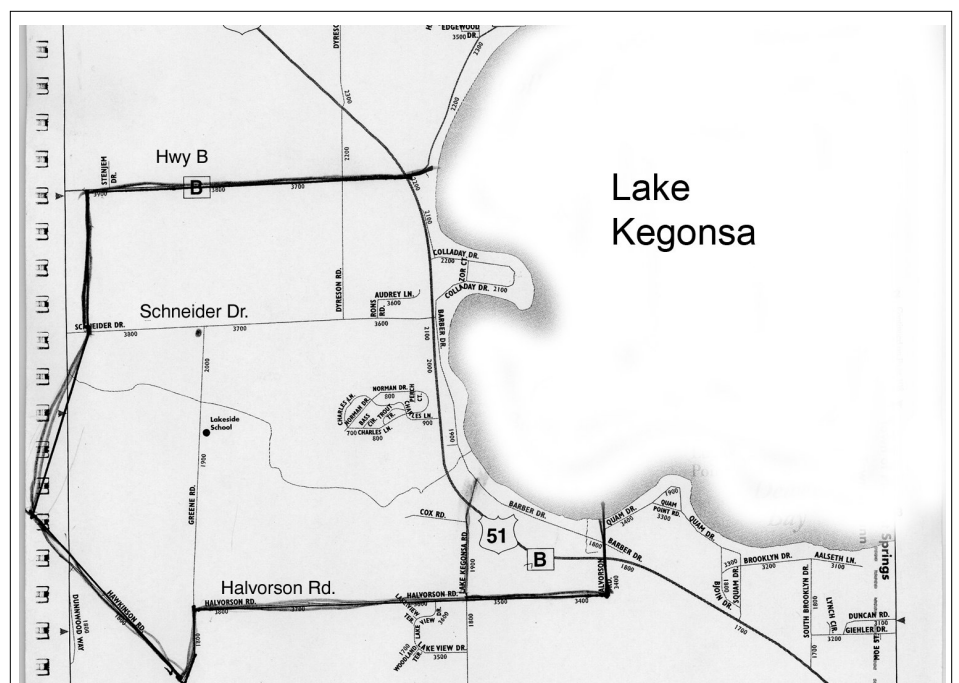
FREE SANDBOX SAND

We will have clean sand available for Dunn residents. Bring your own shovel, the sand is available on a serve yourself basis. Call or stop by the Town Hall. 255-4219 ext 1

Residents campaigning for DSL

Residents who live near Lake Kegonsa and South of Hwy B (see map below) are campaigning their telephone company, SBC, to provide DSL service in the area. DSL is a service that allows talking on the phone and working on the internet at the same time. Monthly fees are charged for DSLservice. According to resident Karen Carlson, "If we do not get 50 people who want DSL, it may take a couple of years before DSL will be available in this area." If you would like to express your interest in DSL, and you live in the area indicated below, provide your name, address, and phone number by sending an email to:

dsl4stoughton@yahoo.com
or call SBC at 608-698-1051



TAKE PRIDE IN OUR PARKS

Town Parks are for the enjoyment of all town residents, young and old. Please respect the parks and follow these simple rules:

Dog waste is an ongoing and serious problem that makes our parks unavailable and unsanitary for residents to enjoy. Dog walkers must clean up dog waste. Residents must not allow dogs to run at large or allow their dogs to leave waste on public or private property. This is a violation of town ordinance and a citation may be issued.

When you visit a town park, leave behind nothing but your footprints. Carry out any cans, litter, paper, food, or dog waste that came in with you.

Absolutely no motorized vehicles. Our Parks have suffered some damage this year due to off road activity which is prohibited on town property.

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Sharing our Roadways

Spring is upon us and soon our roads and roadsides will be populated with pedestrians, bicyclists, horseback riders of all ages, and increased traffic of farm tractors and equipment. Motor vehicles should slow down when rounding corners and cresting hills until they can see what is beyond. Use caution when approaching or passing pedestrians and others. Special consideration should be exercised when passing horses on the road.

-Please do not honk or make sudden noises - it may startle the horse.

-Allow extra room and slow down.

For safety, motor vehicles must yield to pedestrians and equestrians!



Dane County Cultural Affairs
Posters are available at the Town Hall for \$1.00 each.

Do You Need a Permit?

If you are: altering an existing building, constructing a new building, doing major repairs, adding a solar collector, adding a bay or bow window, cleaning out drainage ditches or ponds, doing any brush or tree cutting, filling or grading in a floodzone, wetland or shoreland area, you probably do need a zoning permit. For information call:

Dane County Zoning 266-4266
To view the Dane County Zoning Code of Ordinances visit their website at www.co.dane.wi.us/ord/dcord.htm

In addition to a Dane County Zoning permit you may also need a Town of Dunn building permit to remodel, replace siding or windows, build, repair, or add to your home, deck or other structures. For information, call Mary at the Town Hall at 255-4219 ex 1.

Visit the Town of Dunn's website
www.town.dunn.wi.us

The town's website is a valuable resource for residents looking for information on meeting agendas, land use planning, garbage and recycling, elections, and a variety of other topics.

Other web links that may be of interest to town residents are listed below. Access Dane is a Dane County

website offering property information, real estate tax information and tax payment history on parcels:
<http://accessdane.co.dane.wi.us/>

The State Elections Board website offers information on elections, registering to vote and absentee ballot procedures:
<http://elections.state.wi.us/index.asp>

Dane County Public Works website offers information about garbage, recycling and hazardous waste:
www.co.dane.wi.us/pubworks/recyc.htm

The State legislature website offers information for contacting representatives and legislative issues:
<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>

News from the Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Association

The Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Association (WBNC) is a private non-profit organization with membership open to anyone. WBNC operates a Community Center at 4372 Third Street. Members enjoy use of the Community Center, annual events, information sharing, and recreation.

The WBNA annual meeting will be held at the neighborhood center on Thursday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this important meeting to voice their opinion or simply to find out what's new. Neighbors also have the opportunity to run for a position on the board. The upcoming election will be for the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and three seats on the board of directors. Please contact Beth Walls, the current president, at 221-3717 if you have questions regarding the elections, joining the board, or ordering WBNA logo clothing items. Be on the lookout for our new website: www.waubesabeach.org in the near future!

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE



Please note, the town receives more complaints about junk ordinance violations in the spring.

Town ordinances 11.15 and 16.2 prohibit the accumulation or storage of junk outdoors. Your property should be free of unlicensed or inoperable vehicles, equipment in disrepair, dead trees, brush piles, and junk.



Grass Fires and Prairie Burns

Spring is the time for prairie burns and grass fires. If you intend to burn a grassy area or conduct a prairie burn, please be aware of the following requirements of the Town of Dunn Burning ordinance.

1. Please notify the Town Hall prior to burning.
2. Notify the fire department in your jurisdiction. They will need the name of the person responsible for the burning, the time the burn will begin and end, exactly where the burning will occur, what type of vegetation will be burned, and your phone number. The non-emergency Fire numbers are: McFarland 838-3152, Stoughton 873-7218, Oregon 835-5587
3. Burning shall be done only when wind velocity does not exceed fifteen (15) miles per hour as recorded by the US Weather Service, Madison WI. (With the exception of registered prairie fires); and when the wind direction is such as will not carry smoke or soot into any adjoining building, and when it would not be a source of annoyance by reason of smoke to persons or property near the premises.
4. No person shall fail to take action reasonably necessary to control any fire, which he or she has set in the town.
5. No such fire shall be allowed to smolder for such a time as to become a nuisance.